



FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8 July 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Out with the old and in with the new is the theme for this week. From Monday through to Thursday we were privileged to welcome our biggest every year group into the Five Acres family. We could not be more excited to have them join us and begin their journey of success. Today sees us saying goodbye to our Year 11 students at the Prom. We look forward to sharing pictures with you on social media in due course and anticipate sharing fantastic news of their achievements when results are due on August 25th. Students in Year groups 7-10 will receive their QLAs and assessment results during the final week of the year, this will bring another round of recognition for many at our Celebrations Evening July 21st.

The year end is fast approaching but there is still so much to pack in. We wish our intrepid explorers to Paris a fantastic few days filled with activity and excitement.

Monday and Tuesday of next week see us host our Sports Days, students have been asked to wear PE kit only on those days to avoid the need to change. We are aware that the weather is about to remember it is Summer, so we would recommend students bring plenty to drink, bring a plain cap to wear if required and apply sun cream if necessary. Students will be out for an extended period on Tuesday, where we will provide some additional shelter where possible.

With the temperatures increasing over the next week or so, we would like to remind you that our expectations around uniform will stay consistent. Students are required to wear their blazers into school and between lesson changeovers, but are given permission to take them off during lesson and break times. As with the Sports Days we recommend that students keep well hydrated,



but they must plan to refill bottles during break and lunchtimes - water refill points are available in the canteen and the Hub.

The school year has been full of highlights. Another highlight of the year occurred this week with the staging of our school show, A Night At The West End. Seeing scores of our students confidently belting out some West End classics and more recent material ensured that everyone who attended left with a sense of pride in what young people can achieve when they are determined and ambitious.

A NIGHT AT THE WEST END

Thank you to all the parents/cares and students who came to see the first school production that we have been able to host for a couple of years this week. The enthusiasm and creativity shown by all our students and staff involved has been fantastic to see. We have received some great feedback from parents and students who came along to see the show, even inspiring some new Year 7s to want to get involved when they join us in September.



SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Congratulations to Year 11 students Joe (pictured), Cohan, Caitlin and Jack who have completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Throughout your Duke of Edinburgh experience we hope that you have made firm friends, created memories and built on traits such as confidence, resilience and self-esteem to benefit your future. In gaining your skills, you have attributed to your work and life, like problem-solving, team-working and self-motivation. This award, which is recognised by top employers, will help you stand out when you are applying to colleges, universities or for apprenticeships.

You are a credit to yourselves and to Five Acres High School.

Mrs Selwyn: DofE Administrator



SPORTS DAY - MONDAY 11 JULY & TUESDAY 12 JULY

On Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 July we will be hosting our Sports Days - all students will come into school on those days in full PE kit, and will also need their usual equipment for lessons.

Monday's events will be rounders and softball, Tuesday's events will be track and field athletics. Parents are welcome to come and watch events on Tuesday 12, a space will be allocated for viewing on the grass next to the Sports Hall. If you would like to come and watch, please arrive via the back gate (accessed via Park Road) at 1pm and leave through the same gate by 3pm. The weather looks to be hot on Monday and Tuesday. Please can we remind students to apply sun cream and bring plenty of water. Water will be available so that they can re-fill their bottles. Students are also encouraged to wear plain caps. On Monday each student will be involved in around an hour's worth of sport. On Tuesday most students will be outside for the events for just over 2 hours. Any changes will be communicated via text/MyEd message and the school's social media pages.



YEAR 11 PROM - 8 JULY 2022

We are excited to celebrate with those Year 11s who will be attending the Prom tonight at Speech House Hotel. To help ease crowding and ensure that everyone gets a chance to see students arrive, marshals will direct visitors to the gate on the main Speech House road for parking on the field.

Students will begin to arrive from 6:30pm, and vehicles dropping Year 11s off will be directed to enter via the gate to the field past the Speech House car park (towards Hearts of the Forest School).

A designated area will be set up to allow family and friends to see students arrive. Thank you for your continued support and we hope that everyone has a fantastic evening to celebrate all of their determination and hard work.



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HISTORY TRIP TO CHEPSTOW CASTLE

On Thursday 7 and Friday 8 July, Year 10 History students took part in a field study visit to Chepstow Castle. Thursday's students were treated to a highly informative tour by a local historian who engaged students with tales of the castle's history and what life would have been like for those who lived in the castle from 1067 onwards. For Friday's trip, Miss Cavill expertly took the reins to provide students with an excellent learning experience.



CROSS-COUNTRY SUCCESS

Well done to Poppy in Year 7 who won Cross-Country County Championships in Gloucester recently for the mile distance. Since having Covid back in November, Poppy still hasn't been 100% but she trained really hard and has been dedicated to getting her fitness levels back on track. All that hard work is paying off as Poppy is currently placed 5th in the UK for the distance!



READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Our Reading Programme Lead, Miss Phelps shares her picks for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson



Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays in one place long enough for her to make friends. But her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning. An extraordinary retelling of the

Baba Yaga myth, this debut novel will wrap itself around your heart and never let go. All 12-year-old Marinka wants is a friend. A real friend. Not like her house with chicken legs. For Marinka's grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny and sets out to break free from her grandmother's footsteps, but her house has other ideas...

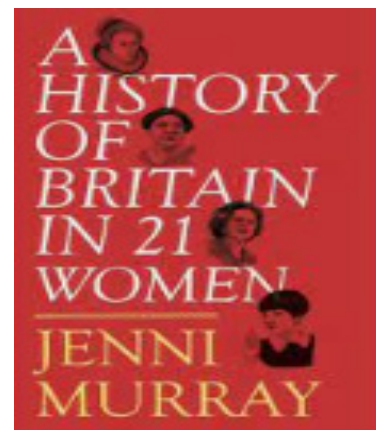
The House with Chicken Legs has been shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Awards 2019.

Shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2019.

Shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2019.

Shortlisted for Children's Fiction Book of the Year at the British Book Awards 2019.

A History of Britain in 21 Women
by Jenni Murray



They were famous queens, unrecognised visionaries, great artists and trailblazing politicians. They all pushed back boundaries and revolutionised our world. Jenni Murray presents the history of Britain as you've never seen it before, through the lives of twenty-one women who refused to succumb to the established laws of society, whose lives embodied hope and change, and who still have the power to inspire us today.

Head to uk.bookshop.org/shop/fiveacres to discover more great reads.

ACADEMIES & SOCIETIES

Monday Lunchtime

Y7 & 8 Current Affairs -
Have your say
Y7 Book Society (Wk A)
All Years Chess Society
Student Leadership Team

Monday After school

Y7-10 Rounders Society
Private Study

Tuesday Lunchtime

Pride Society (Wk B)
Crochet Society (Wk A)
Y8 Book Society (Wk A)
Eco Society (Wk B)
Year 11 Study Support

Tuesday After school

Y7-10 Rowing Academy
Y7-8 Cricket Academy

School Show (invite only)
Music Technology Society
Private study

Wednesday Lunchtime

Boccia (invitation only)
Y7-9 Writing Society (Wk B)
Y9 Reading Academy (Wk A)
Year 11 Study Support

Wednesday After school

Y7-10 STEM Society
Y7-10 Softball
Y7-9 Junior Rock Band
Y7-10 Tennis Society
Y7-10 Rugby Society (girls)
Golf Academy (invite only)
Private study

Thursday Lunchtime

Y8-9 Comparative Physiology
Y10 Book Society (Wk A)

Y10 Spanish Homework Support
Year 11 Study Support

Thursday After school

Y7-10 Table Tennis
Y7-10 Athletics Society
School Show (invite only)
Y7-9 Art Academy
Private Study

Friday Lunchtime

Y7-9 Musical Theatre
Film Academy
Duke of Edinburgh
drop-in/admin
Year 11 Study Support

Friday After school

Y7-9 Gardening Academy
Y7-10 Acapella Choir
Ukelele Society (beginners)
Private Study

CHARACTER EDUCATION

As the term draws to a close we had the opportunity to present more students with shields for Character Education. Congratulations to Alex-Jon and Samuel in Year 7 for earning their Determination shield, Kaylie in Year 9 for achieving her Creativity shield and Tio in Year 7 for earning his Ambition shield. A special mention must go to Tio who has now secured all five of our value shields during his time in Year 7!



KEY DATES

Friday 8 July

Year 11 Prom

11 July - 14 July

Paris trip

Monday 11 July

Sports Day - Rounders & Softball

Tuesday 12 July

Sports Day - Athletics

Monday 18 July

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 20 July

Greenshaw Athletics Tournament

Thursday 21 July

Final day of term

Friday 22 July

Monkhouse Schoolwear pop-up
shop (appointment only)

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